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'PIRATES' THRILLS, AMUSES HUNDREDS

The "Pirates of Penzance", presented last night by the College Glee Club, proved unusually successful. A capacity audience was moved from laughter to tears at will by an excellent cast.

Margie Killelea as Mabel, displayed unusual skill in handling this difficult role. Her singing and acting more than lived up to expectations.

Curley Hopgood dropped his usual cowboy role and stepped into the part of a swash-buckling pirate with the skill of a veteran. The audience's heart, as well as Mabel's, was won by the quality and tone of his voice.

Dick Allen, as pompous General Stanley, all but 'stole the

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BUD POWERS ELECTED BASEBALL CAPTAIN

Bud Powers, catcher for the varsity baseball team, was elected by his mates to the captaincy of the nine at practice last Wednesday. Powers is a veteran of two years' service with the Fitchburg diamond forces. He played shortstop in his Freshman year, but was moved behind the bat by Coach Kulcinski in the middle of last season.

Two changes have been made in the schedule. American International will be met on Tuesday, May 13, instead of May 14, as originally announced. The game with Teachers College of Connecticut (New Britain) has been shifted to the Connecticut team's home grounds.

John Gemma Elected Managing Editor of 'The Stick' for 1941-42



MARJORIE KILLELEA
Scores as Mabel

BUCKY FLYNN TO PLAY AT SENIOR PROM

The plans for the Senior Prom, under the general chairmanship of Milo Galbraith, are fast nearing completion.

Bucky Flynn, whose orchestra played at the Gav-Hawk Formal, will furnish the music for the Prom. He was a great favorite at the Formal, and the committee feels that he will repeat his success.

The Prom will be limited to a total of eighty couples, and will start promptly at nine o'clock,

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HELENE HILL TO BE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

John Gemma was elected to the position of Managing Editor of 'The Stick' for the coming college term, at a meeting of the staff held Wednesday. Helene Hill was chosen Associate Editor.

Other members of the Editorial Staff elected at the meeting are as follows: News Editor—Jane Beers; Professional Editor—Eino Hakala; Feature Editor—Theodore Cote; Men's Sports Editor—John O'Neil; Women's Sports Editor—Gladys Lavin;

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KONSAVAGE ELECTED EPSILON PRESIDENT

Epsilon Chapter, EPSILON PI TAU held its annual election of officers this week for the 1941-42 season. William Konsavage was elected President; William Sullivan, Vice-President and Treasurer; Frank Onischuk, Secretary; and Arthur Hopgood, Librarian.

KELLIHER DRAMATIC CLUB PRESIDENT

T. Richard Kelliher was elected president of the Dramatic Club at a meeting held last week. Eileen O'Neil was chosen vice-president, Jean Fitch, secretary, and Turo Hafors, treasurer.

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Editorial . . .

Spring vacation—what does it mean to you? To most of the people in the dorms it means another chance to get home and see the folks—some of you, perhaps, for the first time in months. To others it is a chance to earn a little extra money. Many doubtless consider it an opportunity to catch up on school work or sleep (although we never knew anyone who completely did either). To a few there are more personal reasons why the coming week of vacation is welcome.

Whatever use you plan to make of this week away from the regular routine, we would like you to consider what is coming ahead, we're not going to tell you how we think you should spend your vacation; such advice would be both presumptuous and a waste of time. What we do suggest is that, along with your plans, you allow a little time for stock-taking and a consideration of how you are going to plan the last month of the college year.

Socially, the month of May is full to the brim. Class and club parties, Senior Prom, Sax Dance, Senior Week, baseball games (a social event from the spectator's viewpoint), and Classday. Academically, it is a time for the culmination of all courses and preparation for final examinations. Probably to less than 99 and 44-100 percent of us have much back work to make up. It is this combination of a social calendar plus a curriculum program which demands more attention than most of us have given it so far, that make the coming month seemingly a hectic one.

So let's be intelligent in our planning. Let's take a little time out from our activities during vacation to decide just how we can budget our time so that we can give our best to the entire curriculum program we have, and yet get a lot of fun out of the fine extra-curriculum schedule that lies ahead. An hour or so of careful planning, plus an insistence upon sticking to it closely, will make this seemingly overwhelming program a comparative cinch.

The Ash Tray

He was born in a beautiful little New England town during the springtime. His parents were neither rich nor poor, but belonged to that large middle class which inhabit this country of ours. I remember him well as a baby, lying on his back and kicking his little feet in the air while his deep blue eyes seemed like living pools of crystal.

His childhood was characterized by the buoyant mischievousness of any urchin of his time. One day he wandered into the nearby woods and had us all worried to death. Finally one of the older boys of the neighborhood found him and brought him home. The next day we tied him to a tree, but the little tyke chewed the rope off just as a dog would do. He found a playmate in the Fitten who lived next door. As he grew older, most of his time was devoted to hunting. He was a regular outdoor boy.

There comes a time in everyone's life when Danny Sullivan Cupid plays a tune on his heart-strings. Thus it was with Billy. He fell in love with a beautiful female creature who lived in the neighborhood. Her name was Kitty. Every night Bill would walk down and see Kitty, but one day he pulled a coup and married Kitty's sister Jenny. Kitty, counter-couped and married someone else. Thus a great romance was scuttled.

As the years rolled by Billy reached middle age. He was a big, strapping fellow; good-natured, but always ready for a good scrap. One day he found his wife out with someone else. A battle ensued, which was broken up by the arrival on the scene of a police dog and several spectators. After that he left Jenny.

Not desiring to marry again, Billy spent his last few years in retirement. He was a broken old man without a friend in the world, save his landlord and landlady, who had grown very fond of him.

In the final episode of his life he was the victim of an untimely mercy killing. Because of a malignant growth on the side of his face which became excruciatingly painful, his landlord and landlady chloroformed him on the twenty-eighth of November, 1940.

He lived, loved, married, and died. His life was a struggle between sorrow and joy.

"No further seek his merits to disclose
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode;
There they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of his Father and his God."

Yes, my friend, Billy, was the best cat I ever had.

Campus Chatter

Here and There:

Speaking of bachelors: A bachelor is a man who thinks before he acts and then doesn't act.

Why does Chet Smith get nervous when Charley mentions the *Lovely* girls in Worcester?

Definition: Reducing—The triumph of mind over platter.

The Palmer Hall theme song has been changed from "McNamara's Band" (A la Bennett) to the "Shmuck Duck" song a la Laubner.

Joe College has a pipe. He even smokes it!!!

Why do some people call "Ditto" Feeley 'Clark'?

Definition: Sales Resistance—The triumph of mind over pat-ter.

The most conceited man in the world: The guy that tried to slam the revolving door.

Personal to all readers—A scandal is something that has to be bad to be good.

Theresa McManus has been bragging that she has kept her name out of the Campus Chatter this year.

Sam Twitchell says that you don't have to wear a uniform to be caught in the 'old army game.'

The Prom looked a lot like a Freshman Hop. But you have to give the Fresh (rather right, isn't it?) I.A. men credit; they certainly do get around.

Have you noticed the peculiar radiance that emanates from the third finger, left hand, of Hannah Porter, who will, from all indications, receive her Mrs. before her B. S. E.

Flash! Extra! The State Parole Board has just announced that a full pardon has been granted to one Joseph 'Campus' Govoni. Said Mr. Govoni is free to go

WASHBURN LECTURE HOLDS HIGH INTEREST

Dr. Bradford Washburn, director of the New England Museum of Natural History and speaker for this year's Henry Todd Lectureship on Monday, chose *Exploring Alaska* as his fascinating subject. Mr. Washburn is indeed well qualified to develop such a topic, as he is a renowned explorer who has led no less than nine expeditions into the heart of the Alaskan coastal range.

The specific purpose of these expeditions, Mr Washburn explained, was to study the glacial formations of that region; in carrying out this work the members of the expeditions visited spots hitherto unknown to man. He emphasized the incongruity of the Alaskan climate, which makes possible the presence of almost tropical vegetation and of bleak, snowy mountains and huge glaciers within short distances of each other.

He illustrated his adventures with movies and slides of breathtaking scenes. The pictures of the dog-team, the camps, the skiing, and the actual climbing made vivid the rigors of life in that wild country. Dr. Washburn closed in a note of tribute to the spirit of the prospectors and pioneers in Alaska. He brought out the fact that Alaska is no place for people who have failed in our highly developed society—rather, it is the land of opportunity for those who have found life a complex civilization too easy.

about at will, happy as the breeze.

One horror to another: "Do you know Ed Ruby?"

Claire Andrews thinks that the zipper is a wonderful invention. However, she recommends

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FRAMINGHAM HOST TO PRESS ASSOC. MEETING

The annual spring conference of the Association of Massachusetts State Teachers College Publications will be held May 9, at Framingham.

The 'Stick' plans to send several delegates, but as yet they have not been chosen.

This year the conference will be sponsored by Framingham Teachers College. Mary Good of Framingham is president, and Virginia Hosmer is recording secretary.

'42 PROM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

The annual Junior Prom was held on Friday last, April 18, 1941, in the ballroom of the Longwood Towers in Brookline. Music was furnished by Leon Mayers and his orchestra of Lynn.

Included in the program of the evening, Joe Lonergan sang "My Sweetheart of Sigma Chi". Many novelty numbers were featured by the orchestra, and attractive favors were given to all present.

Roger Pauze was chairman of the affair, which proved to be one of the most successful proms ever held in the history of the college. About one-hundred and twenty couples were in attendance.

During the course of the evening, the engagement of Miss Hannah Porter to Lawrence A. Colson was announced.

The faculty sponsors present were; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Herlihy, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weston, Miss Belle Nixon and Mr. Foth.

TASCA TO HEAD COMMUTING MEN

That fiery, dynamic, spokesman TNT Tasca now heads the C. M. E. B. and he will take over his new duties shortly. Mr. Tasca was elected on a very promising platform.

Clyde Wilson will pilot the present junior class thru their senior year and he urges all commuters to bring any complaints or suggestions to him. He also promises to support the principles of the platform on which he was elected.

Frank Romano will carry out the business for the present sophomores with the C. M. E. B.

Don Flathers, a very promising politician, will guide the affairs for the present freshmen next year.

Joseph Lalli, the retiring president, wishes the new C. M. E. B. continued success thru the coming year.

Senior Prom

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ending at one. The feeling of the committee is that it will be better to miss a few dances at the beginning rather than shorten those at the end.

The committee has arranged for a place where the merry-makers may meet for a snack after the Prom. This is being done to insure a place that will remain open and give prompt service without undue waiting.

Gemma 'Stick' Editor

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Business Manager—Howard Ide.

Gemma, News Editor of 'The Stick' during the first semester this year, has served on the staff of the paper since his Freshman year. During part of the first year he was proofreader. Miss Hill, too, has seen three years' service with the staff, and was Feature Editor during the first semester of the current term.

'Pirates of Penzance'

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show' with his extravagant uniform. His handling of difficult passages was one of the highlights of the evening. In fact, he proved himself an able rival to Fibber McGee at tongue-twisters. His English accent was flawless.

Milo Galbraith gave a very realistic portrayal of a bold but tender-hearted pirate King.



Phyllis Hancock, Milo Galbraith
Piratical Maid and Her King

Phyllis Hancock as Ruth, Ralph Gray as Police Sergeant, and Dick Kelliher as Samuel, handled supporting roles admirably.

The General's daughters, the Pirate Chorus, and the "cops" all helped to make the presentation one of the best at F. T. C.

Bouquets to Miss Curry for producing such a grand piece of work. The long hours she put into this production were not wasted. Besides teaching the score and action of the operetta, Miss Curry showed her versatility by leading the orchestra as well.

Schedule

WEEK OF MAY 5-10

Monday

12:30 Astronomy Club Meeting
12:30 'Stick' Meeting
3:15 Art Club Meeting
3:20 Council Meeting

Tuesday

12:30 Mohawks Meeting
12:30 Gaveleers Meeting
7:00 Gym Dance
7:30 Safety Council Lecture

Wednesday

12:30 Debating Club Meeting
12:30 'Stick' Meeting

Thursday

11:00 Glee Club Meeting
3:00 Baseball—Hyannis T.C. at Coolidge Field
7:30 Bowling Match—Gavs vs. Hawks

Friday

2:30 A.M.S.T.C.P. Conference at Framingham

Saturday

3:00 Baseball—Bridgewater at Bridgewater

EVANS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The members of the newly-chartered Astronomical Society held their election of officers at a special meeting last Monday.

The officers for the coming year are: Ralph Evans, who was instrumental in organizing the new Society, as President; John Labenski, Vice-President; Eino Hakala, Secretary; Edward Ruby, Treasurer; Jack O'Neil, Custodian of Properties and Mr. Eugene Sullivan as Faculty Sponsor.

This was the first organization to receive a charter under the regime of the Student Cooperative Association. There was a definite need for an organization of this type in our extra-curriculum, and we feel confident that this society will benefit the students greatly in this field.